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HOUSE RESOLUTION 164
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ms. Elizabeth "Liz" Bennett on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Liz" Bennett is one such estimable person who has served with probity and acumen for 35 years as an educator, mentor, and cultivator of the most precious resource in this nation, our children; and

WHEREAS, she will retire from her illustrious career in the educational profession on March 31, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bennett graduated from college in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science Degree, she earned her Master's Degree in Education in 1970, and has completed an additional 45 hours of graduate course work in administration and supervision; and

WHEREAS, her teaching career began in the Schlewig Community School District in Ricketts, Iowa, where she taught a first and second grade split class from 1965-1968; and

WHEREAS, she subsequently was employed by Riley Elementary School in Riley, Kansas where she taught third grade from 1968-1969; she then served as a graduate assistant in the Middle Tennessee State University Educational Department during 1969-1970; and

WHEREAS, Liz Bennett soon found her home in Middle Tennessee, and began teaching third-graders at the MTSU Campus School in 1970; she served with distinction in that post until 1986; while teaching at the Campus School, she also utilized her outstanding abilities as an adjunct teacher in MTSU's Education Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, she became the Interim Director of the Rutherford County Schools Teacher Center; a year later the Center secured Ms. Bennett's peerless services on a permanent basis by naming her Director, a position in which she served with the utmost dedication until 1991; and

WHEREAS, utilizing her unparalleled experience and astute skills in education, she now serves as the Coordinator of Elementary Education in Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bennett has been an innovator in the school system and a champion for establishing technology in the classrooms, she has been instrumental in instituting service learning programs and launching the EvenStart and Family Resource Centers; and

WHEREAS, her countless contributions also include improving the skills of many teachers through in-service programs in reading, math, and science; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Ms. Bennett has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the respect and admiration of students, parents, and co-workers alike; and

WHEREAS, Liz Bennett exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Ms. Elizabeth Bennett our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud her lifelong

dedication to the children of Rutherford County and this great state, and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.